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Letter dated 25 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a written statement of the delegation of the United Kingdom in exercise of the right of reply to the remarks made by the President of the Argentine Republic, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, on 24 September 2014 to the General Assembly (see annex).

I should be most grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Statement of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in exercise of the right of reply to the remarks made by the President of the Argentine Republic in the general debate on 24 September 2014

The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

The United Kingdom attaches great importance to the principle and right of self-determination as set out in Article 1.2 of the Charter of the United Nations, which underpins all United Nations resolutions, and article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. That principle underlies our position on the Falkland Islands. There can be no negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands unless and until such time as the Islanders so wish.

In March 2013, the Falkland Islanders categorically made their wishes known to the international community when 99.8 per cent of the 92 per cent of the electorate which voted, decided in a referendum to maintain their current political relationship with the United Kingdom. Argentina should respect those wishes.